

Executive Order 2003-18

ESTABLISHING A GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE FOR MILITARY FACILITIES

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona is a premier operational and training location for our military services; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona has excellent weather, available airspace, access to world class training and research, development, test and evaluation ranges and communities that appreciate and respect our military services; and

WHEREAS, military operations and training in Arizona are extremely cost effective; and

WHEREAS, the operation of military facilities in Arizona contributes more than 5.7 billion dollars to our economy annually; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the State and local communities to ensure that all of our military facilities continue to operate long-term in a manner that is effective for the military and compatible with local communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor by the Arizona Constitution and the laws of the State, do hereby order the creation of a Task Force to develop strategies for ensuring long term retention of all premier military facilities in Arizona so that they may continue to perform their vital national defense missions. This Task Force is to be known as the *Governor's Military Facilities Task Force*.

1. The Task Force shall be comprised of nine voting and two advisory members. It will function under authority of the Governor and be chaired by R. Thomas Browning and Robert Johnston who will serve as co chairs of the Task Force. If the occasion shall so arise, the Governor may designate another member of her staff to chair meetings.
2. Members shall be appointed by the Governor and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.
3. Members or designees shall not send alternates to represent them at Task Force meetings.
4. The Task Force shall advise the Governor on matters affecting the operational viability of military facilities within Arizona.
 - a. The Task Force shall understand the mission of each military facility in the state and the contribution of each such facility to our national defense.
 - i. The Task Force shall also understand each facility's requirements for performing its mission.

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- b. The Task Force shall identify any obstacles to the mission of each of the facilities with regard to criteria used by their respective military service.
 - c. The Task Force shall examine any state law, local ordinance, local zoning ordinances or requirements, or any other state or local requirement, rule or regulation that adversely impacts the mission of each of the military facilities in this state, and shall make recommendations on how such laws, ordinances, requirements, rules or regulations can be amended to better enable each military facility to perform its mission efficiently.
 - d. The Task Force shall evaluate any locally-developed proposals intended to mitigate the impact of military facilities on surrounding areas or the impact of non-military activities in surrounding areas on the mission of military facilities.
 - e. The Task Force shall study and reaffirm the economic contributions to the State of Arizona of each military facility in the State.
- 5. The Task Force shall make recommendations to the governor relating to actions needed to ensure the long-term viability of military installations and resources.
 - a. The Task Force shall identify tools available and responsible agencies for actions needed to ensure the long-term viability of military installations and resources.
 - b. The Task Force shall recommend any required changes to state law, local ordinances, local zoning requirements or any other state or local requirement, rule or regulation in order to encourage the continued operation of military facilities within the state.
 - c. The Task Force shall recommend any required actions to be taken by the state at the federal level in support of military facilities within the state.
 - d. The Task Force shall identify federal, state and local monies as appropriate to ensure the proper functioning and the continued operation of military facilities within the state.
- 6. The Governor's Military Facilities Task Force shall be reviewed no later than December 31, 2003 to determine appropriate action for its continuance, modification or termination.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand and caused to
be affixed the Great Seal of the State
of Arizona.

GOVERNOR

Done at the Capitol in Phoenix on
this 27th day of May in the Year of
Our Lord Two Thousand and Three
and of the independence of the
United State of America the Two
Hundred and Twenty-Second.

ATTEST:

Secretary of State